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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the state of Montana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, which collectively comprise the state's basic financial statements, as follows:

Statement of Net Assets

Statement of Activities

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - to the Statement of Net Assets Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -

Governmental Funds

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Statement of Net Assets - Proprietary Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Funds

Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds

Combining Statement of Net Assets - Component Units

Combining Statement of Activities - Component Units

These financial statements are the responsibility of the state of Montana's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Montana State Lottery, which represents 0.07 and 1.55 percent, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the aggregate remaining fund information. We did not audit the financial statements of the Montana University System Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program, which represents 0.04 and 0.10 percent, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the aggregate remaining fund information. We also did not audit the financial statements of the Montana State University component units and University of Montana component units which represent 10.51 and 5.69 percent, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units.

Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Montana State Lottery, the Montana University System Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program, and University component units, are based on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, and each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the state of Montana, as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedule listed in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the state of Montana's basic financial statements. The Combining Statements and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules listed in the table of contents are for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated November 29, 2004, on our consideration of the state of Montana's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit. It is included in the Legislative Auditor's separately issued report (04-01) on the State's basic financial statements.

The Introductory and Statistical Section listed in the table of contents were not audited by us, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)

James Gillett, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

November 29, 2004